1900.

SYNODICAL CONFERENCE.

St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. J. F. Kendall, La Porte, Indiana in the chair. Miss Hayes, New Mexico, read Ps. 24th, Prayer by Mrs. Pomery, Minneapolis, Minn.

Discussion as to time of holding meetings in connection with the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, suggestions to the effect that conference might be had with the Representatives of the Woman's Foreign Boards asking them to hold their annual meeting Tuesday, allowing the conference of Synodical officers to be held Saturday afternoon and reports from Synods Monday afternoon. Motion made by Mrs. C. W. Robinson that the conference of Synodical officers be held Saturday afternoon.

Amendment offered "Make this an overture to be discussed at Synodical meetings next fall, acted upon and reported at next annual conference of Synodical officers". Carried.

Question arose "Who are delegates to the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Home Missions"? Decision, all Presbyterial representatives are delegates.

Question arose as to action of General Assembly in confirming a certain portion of report from Bells and Overtures Committee, referring to Woman's Christian Endeavor and S. S. Missionary funds. Dr. Thompson hardly thought it of so much importance as many seemed to fear.

After discussion a committee composed of Miss M. Josephine Petrie, Miss Hornish and Mrs. Bennett was appointed to at once wait upon the Bells and Overtures Committee, investigate their action and report to this meeting.

Dr. Thompson introduced Rev. and Mrs. Montgomery as missionaries on their way to Jackson, Alaska, Mr. Montgomery spoke a few words, saying "We do not expect it to be a bed of roses, but our faces are forward".

Mrs. C. W. Robinson of Illinois spoke of necessity for thorough careful work in planning an itinerary for a missionary or worker, correspondence should be begun at least two months beforehand, and should all be in the hands of one person in the state.

Every detail should be attended to and traveler given a complete schedule, telling name of railroad, time of arrival and departure of trains, name and address of hostess, etc.

Question. Shall we take care of our own mission teachers when they are laid by on account of ill health or age. Mrs. Robinson moved, Mrs. Yeisley seconded, the Board be instructed than whenever in their judgment such aid is needed it shall be given. Money sent by treasurer of Woman's Board of Home Missions to treasurer of Board of Ministerial Relief.

Miss Scott was given eight minutes to report the work of Bible Women in Kentucky, saying "the work of these women is the greatest enemy to Mormom Missionaries in Kentucky".

Mrs. James introduced the ladies present to the members of

the Board living in and near New York, telling of the work of different committees and giving the "personelle" of the Board.

The committee sent to investigate the overture brought the report that the overture in question read as follows:- (in substance) All organizations in every church shall contribute all money through the session of the church. Whenever designated for any especial purpose the session shall send it or not at its own discretion.

An animated discussion followed and Mrs. James, Miss Lincoln and Mrs. Robinson were appointed to meet with Dr. Thompson and members of the Overture Committee at five o'clock, asking that the words "contributed through" be changed to "reported". Mrs. James requested that a representative from each synodical society be added to this Committee, the President if she were present. This was done.

Atlantic	was	represented by	Mrs. Jones.
Colorado	"	"	Mrs. Kramer.
Illinois	"	"	Mrs. C. W. Robinson.
Indiana	"	"	Mrs. J. F. Kendall.
Iowa	"	"	Mrs. Barrett.
Ind. Ter.	"	"	Mrs. Hume.
Ky.	"	"	Miss Scott.
Mich.	"	"	Mrs. Moore.
Minn.	"	"	Mrs. Pomeroy.
Mo.	"	"	Mrs. McAfee.
Neb.	"	"	Mrs. Harsha.
N. J.	"	"	Mrs. Honeyman.
N. Y.	"	"	Mrs. Yeisley.
Penn.	"	"	Mrs. Evans.
N. Mex.	"	"	Miss Hayes.
Tenn.	"	"	Miss Phillips.
Wisc.	"	"	Mrs. Selden.

Mrs. Yeisley reported that N. Y. Synodical society found the services of a paid synodical secretary very helpful.

Mrs. Yeisley was asked to write letters of thanks to Mrs. Finks, Mrs. C. E. Coulter and Mrs. Parsons as well as Mrs. Pierson. Special words of commendation were spoken to Mrs. Parsons, who prepares the Prayer Calendars and the Responsive Readings.

Mrs. James reported a request from the Board of Ministerial Relief asking the help of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Moved and carried that "this Board is organized for a specific purpose and cannot add to its work as an organization any other branch tho' ever so worthy".

Especial thanks were expressed by Synodical officers present for the "minutes" sent by the Board of the regular meetings held in New York.

Meeting closed with singing and prayer.

Mrs. F. F. McCrea,

Secretary.

1900.

SYNODICAL CONFERENCE.
Called Meeting.
St. Louis, Missouri.
May 19th.

Mrs. Kendall was asked to state the object of the called meeting of synodical officers; she responded by asking if it were not desirable that all matters presented to our societies should come from Headquarters? Loyalty to the Woman's Board and to Synodical Officers should be the word of our adoption. She emphasized the fact that our synodical missionaries are pleading for more schools while the "Board" urge us to use our surplus for evangelistic work, and stated that "if wrong she wished to be set right".

Mrs. Barrett of Iowa, Mrs. Pomeroy of Minn., Miss Scott of Kentucky, strengthened these remarks by well timed thoughts on the numerous circulars that are constantly presented to our local officers and inexperienced or new Presbyterial officers. Mrs. James explained the Synodical Temperance circular recently sent to all our Synods, and that we were not permitted according to our constitution to adopt anything outside of the organized work of the Board. Mrs. Evans of Penn. asked "what should be done when Presbyterial Resolutions Committees include Temperance in their resolutions- in such a way as to obligate societies to adopt some measure along that line". Miss Lincoln answered by saying that "we are not an organization of ourselves; we are the creation of general assembly and they direct our movements; we cannot adopt

new measures without their approval". Mrs.Yiesley, Mrs. Robinson and others followed. Miss Holmes spoke on the possibility of a secretary already appointed; this was declared illegal. Miss Scott of Ky. Mrs. Holmes, Ind. Ter., spoke on the United Constitution of Home and Foreign Societies, and thought them pliable enough to be adjusted to our need. Mrs. James asked "If a Resolution be prepared by our Res. Com. against these measures does that give the matter prominence enough"? After some discussion Mrs. Robinson as chairman of the Committee on Res. was asked to appoint a Sub. Com. to prepare such a Resolution. A motion was made and carried that Miss Scott be asked to visit Mrs. Watson of Pa., the author of "Synodical Temperance Circular" and speak in a kindly way of the discussion of the morning and of our own inability to take up the work of Temperance as suggested together with our already organized effort for Missions. This closed the morning conference. We were asked to meet again at 2:30 P. M. in the chapel of the church.

2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Kendall again opened the meeting by asking if we should be loyal to the educational work of the Woman's Board, or if we were to give our surplus to be used in evangelistic work given us by the Board, This was followed by an earnest prayer for direction and guidance in all our deliberations.

Mrs. James stated that our work had met some criticism because so successful, and a hint that more was being done for educational work than should be. Mrs. Pingry explained still

further by saying "The Woman's Board comes to the end of the year with a surplus. The Board feel that evangelistic work grows out of school work, and that we should assume such support as arises and grows out of our work among exceptional populations".

Much was said about the responsibility of women and her influence with Pastors in the churches also our C. E. Secretaries. They should be under our fostering care. Mrs. Yiesley spoke of needed work among the boys and young men in our churches. Mrs. McCrea spoke on the education of our S. S. primary classes along the line of giving birthday pennies. Mrs. Ham followed by well timed remarks on the part of Women in the recent expulsion of Roberts of Utah, showing our influence with fathers, sons and brothers. Mrs. James followed by referring to the fearful speed of Mormonism. "They desire to carry the balance of Power in every state by control of votes, and unless we are very active they will do it, for three fourths of the states must vote on the Constitutional Amendment in order to carry. Colonies are being sent into many states; their growth is alarming". Mrs. Kendall asked if a special object could be given a S. S. if they wished it. Mrs. Pingry answered "Yes, special objects are given Sunday Schools, but not all their own, as no one school would pledge so much as a teacher's salary for instance". It was suggested that the space for boxes be taken off our large blanks filled by Corresponding Secretaries.

Mrs. Pingry made a plea for the Home Mission Monthly and urged that the Assembly Herald be not allowed to take its place.

Mrs. Kendall asked if our meetings could be so planned as to allow us to leave assembly one day earlier. Much discussion followed. Box work was again brought before the meeting and much was said against the large valuation placed on some boxes. Miss Phillips spoke of the help of boxes and said "They could not live without. The store room articles are sold at a nominal sum or exchanged for vegetables or meats which can be sold for money. Nothing is given away.

Dr. Thompson spoke on the need of Unity, also of the growth of our work, and that it must be done in the spirit of one family. There is no criticism of women's work in the Home Board. Dr. Dixon strengthened these remarks, but urged that we as women sustain the work by sending the missionary to establish the church, and this do a two fold service. He spoke of the decrease in contributions through churches, and deplored the fact. Mr. Olin followed by saying he thought clubs for men where a systematic study of missions could be undertaken, would enlist the interest and help of our men to the extent of an agressive organized effort for missions.

Meeting adjourned.

Francis J. Diefenderfer,

Sec'y.

1901.

FOREIGNERS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Witherspoon Building, Phila. Pa.

May 17th.

A meeting was held in room 709, Witherspoon Building, consisting of officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and officers of the Synodical Society of Penn., to consult in regard to taking up work among the foreign speaking population in our mining district.

Mrs. Bailey presided and the meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Holmes. Mrs. Holmes than reported what action had been taken at our Synodical Meeting last Fall. The matter had been finally left for the Presbyteries to think about and action to be taken at the next meeting. The Woman's Board had appointed a Committee to investigate the present condition of the field. Mrs. Bennett read to us the report of that Committee. From that report we learned that Dr. Logan, who has charge of that work under the Presbytery of Lackawanna, wished the Woman's Board to collect money for the work among the miners, and to pass it over to the Presbytery, to be expended as they in their judgment thought best. A murber of the churched are already doing this work in the vicinity of Scranton and Pittston. There are 100,000 foreigners in Lackawanna Presbytery, most of them in Wyoming Valley. There is one missionary for 74,000 people and he teaches them in six different languages.

In the year 1900 $9000. was raised in Lackawanna Presbytery for this work, part of the money was given by the churches and part by individuals and business corporations. If Dr. Logan, who had raised most of the money by his personal influence, should cease to work there would be a falling off in receipts.

Mrs. James said she had written to quite a number of corporations and received but three replies. Mrs. Holmes thought that the corporations did not wish to be publicly identified with the work, but that letters had considerable influence.

Mr. Day did not think that the kindergartens as now conducted have enough religious influence. It was stated that there had been 700 converts among these people in seven years.

Mr. Dixon's thoughts on the subject may be summed up as follows. 1st. He wished the Woman's Board to aid in the work, 2nd. He would be perfectly willing to turn over the work as it now stands to the Woman's Board. 3rd. The Presbyterial missionary could not do this work; a superintendent as Dr. Logan is necessary. 4th. He believes that two organizations working side by side for the same ends would be a mistake. 5th. If the Woman's Board is ready to co-operate they could have the privilege of appointing members of the Presbyterial Committee to represent them. 6th. Dr. Logan is necessary to the work.

Dr. Logan wished the Woman's Board to appropriate a certain amount of money for the Presbyterial Committee to use.

The question was asked "Does Dr. Logan express the opinion of the Presbytery"? and the answer was "No". It was thought that

the Presbytery did not understand that the Woman's Board could not pass over money to be expended by the Presbytery.

Mrs. James thought that when we had decided on some definite plan and collected the money we should consult with Dr. Logan.

It was thought that some of the other Presbyteries where the same work is so urgently needed, might object to taking up work in Lackawanna Presbytery instead of in their own Presbytery, therefore, upon motion it was resolved that a circular should be printed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, beginning with a preamble relating to how Lackawanna Presbytery some years ago by an overture to General Assembly, had petitioned that missionary work should be undertaken among their foreign speaking population. General Assembly consented, but at that time the Woman's Board was in debt and did not feel able to undertake it. Now the Board is out of debt, and they recommended that the Synodical Society should undertake this work, starting with one school in Lackawanna Presbytery. The support of this school not to be taken from our regular yearly contributions, but from the advance that our Societies make.

This circular should tell of the report of the Committee, who have been investigating, and state the action of the conference composed of members of the Woman's Board and those officers of the Synodical Society of Penn. (nine in number) who were at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board.

This circular letter to be sent to the Presbyterial societies for distribution among the Auxiliaries. That the delegates

to the Synodical Society may be prepared to express the wishes of their constituents.

Mrs. Holmes was requested to have a talk with Dr. Logan.

Anna M. Reeder,

Secretary.

1903.
SYNODICAL CONFERENCE.
Los Angeles, Cal.
May 26th.

Minutes of the Meeting of May 26th, 2 P. M. 1903, held in the First Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Cal. for the hearing of the Synodical Reports and election of officers.

Mrs. Darwin R. James presided, Mrs. Cobb of Elizabeth, N. J. read the scripture, Mrs. Hamilton of Oakland, Cal. and Mrs. Deifenderfer of Pennsylvania led in prayer. After singing Mrs. Pingry presented her review of the Synods announcing advance in twenty seven. (See Mrs. Pingry report.

Representatives of the Synods were then called to the platform in groups of six and eight, in alphabetical order.

Atlantic No representation.

Baltimore Miss Bradley reported advance for their synod ($2000.) replying to Mrs. Pingry's question as to specials favorably.

California Mrs. Ames, Vice President, reported a gain for their Synod of a new Presbyterial Society, spoke of their Synodical Quarterly, its souvenir number, of their Roll of Honor, and Y. P. Societies, of their need of speakers.

Catawba Mrs. Shaw of Oxford, N. C., their representative, spoke of their church paper, how their women make sacrifices for the work and feel honored to have part.

Colorado Mrs. Graham said their society was young, had

celebrated its 15th anniversary, spoke of Miss Lincoln's visit as an inspiration, their twelve month pledges had been paid in six months; spoke of their need of a visitor, Presbyterial or Synodical, of their great distances.

(Mrs. Chas. L. Thompson was here introduced to keep time.)

Illinois Mrs. Robinson reported with regret their failure to advance by Miss Lincoln's figures, Miss Lincoln being "an upsetting sort of a person", the special difficulties of the year, and their assurance of the readiness of the Woman's Board to help.

Indiana Mrs. Thompson reported steady growth, willingness to take advance steps, Presbyterial visitation by Synodical officer.

Indian Territory and Oklahoma Mrs. Hume said in ten years they had grown from 80 to 700 members, have had no outside visitors, the work of faithful officers, all their churches the outgrowth of school work.

Iowa Miss Hornish, Synodical Secretary, read a report prepared by Mrs. Barrett, which mentioned as obstacles, saying rivers, deep mud in Autumn, and early snow as well as the effort for Synodical support, but "Boaz had left something for Ruth to glean", and they were "pressing on to victory".

Kansas Mrs. Countemine reported gain in all items, spoke of semi annual letters, of Presbyterial Vice Presidents reviving Societies and organizing of special objects as helpful, as were speakers from the field, and officers of the Board.

Kentucky Mrs. Mitchell of Louisville spoke of their gifts for work in their own mountains to Pikeville and Harlan.

Michigan Mrs. Jacobs read Mrs. Cooper's report, giving greeting and reporting advance, organization urged and giving, methods, Alaskan studies, stereopticon lectures recommended.

Minnesota No representative.

Missouri Mrs. Brown of Tarkio read a report (I have no item from this)

Montana Mrs. Butter said "you have doubtless read and heard much of wild, wicked Montana", spoke of their seven self-supporting churches, that they were unable to have Presbyterial or local societies, had only Synodical organization, but had advanced in every respect.

Nebraska Mrs. Lowry (who had been with Mrs. James in the Grand Canon) read their secretary's report, saying women were studying missions, advancing in gifts. In reply to the question "How can the Woman's Board help" she asked "How can Nebraska help". The hymn "O God the Rock of Ages" was sung.

New Jersey reported through Mrs. Cobb who read a report showing great advance in membership and gifts.

New Mexico Presbyterial of Arizona was represented (I have no name here).

New York Mrs. Platt reported advance in contributions, 16 Presbyteries advances.

North Dakota Secretary of an Auxiliary read the report of

the secretary of the Synod; women of the Board had met with them inspiring them, territory was developing.

Oregon Mrs. Milligan reported, spoke of the women of their churches being considered members of their missionary societies, but were not contributors, of their need of a field secretary.

Ohio Represented by the secretary, Miss Patterson, reported a decided affirmative to Mrs. Pingry's question as to advance in membership and contributions, advance in almost every item of the report, reaching its highest figures for each, believed in specials, in missionary or Board speakers, in prayer and study and work as factors of advance.

Pennsylvania Mrs. Deifenderfer said "While Pennsylvania may carry the banner, having so few obstacles, they would lay their bouquets at the feet of Oregon, Montana and Colorado, who had made advance despite great distances and hardships, spoke of their new work among the Foreign Speaking people in their own bounds, where in one school of 80 pupils, 13 languages were spoken. She closed by reading a letter from Mrs. Harbism now at home, ill, who had hoped to be present.

South Dakota No representative.

Tennessee represented by Mrs. Peet, Synodical President, who said the synod covered parts of three states, had advanced 35%, their smallest Presbytery had accepted a pledge of $200 for a mountain school, spoke of the French Broad Presbytery as the outgrowth of Mission schools, children of the mountain have a

pledge of $100 for an Alaskan pupil.

Utah Represented by Mrs. Allen, who said that their Synod had three Presbyteries, Boise, Utah and Kendoll, spake of systematic study of Missions and of Mormonism, and the need of preferred Constitutional Amendment.

Wisconsin was represented by Mrs. Pierce who said their society had attained its majority last Fall, had a well organized society. Spoke of the increased value of boxes sent by them last year.

The report of the Nomination Committee was now received. Mrs. Minor of Los Angeles presiding, it was presented by Miss Bradley, Chairman, who expressed high appreciation of the present officers of the society with especial mention of Mrs. James, recommending their re-election. The recommendations of the Committee were accepted by a rising vote.

Mrs. James spoke a few fitting words in retaking the chair.

Mrs. Deifenderfer made the motion that all Presidents of synods be made vice presidents of the Board during their term of service, also that synodical lists be revised, which was carried.

Notices were given, a hymn sung, and the meeting adjourned.

Alice V. Patterson,

Rec. Secretary, pro tem.

CONFERENCE.
Woman's Board & Synodical Representatives.
May 27, 1903.

Minutes of the Meeting of May 27, 1903. A meeting for conference of the Woman's Board and Synodical Representatives, and discussion of practical questions was held after the speakers of the afternoon were heard, at the meeting of Wednesday afternoon May 27, 1903 in the First Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Chas. W. Robinson of Illinois presided. It was moved and voted that Presbyterial representatives be asked to confer and vote with us on questions discussed. Questions on points on which information was desired were called for. In reply to the question "What are Synodical Committees useful for?" It was decided that they are useful in several ways, especially as a reserve corps, and to increase the number bearing official responsibility. The importance of the office of local secretary was spoken of, especially of the conscientious fulfillment of her duties.

Miss Petrie asked if it were the wish of the Synodical Societies that she should give the young people their objects for work in the Spring. In view of the reasons she mentioned for doing so, it was moved and voted that this be done.

It was suggested that the Woman's Societies would like to have their objects also in the Spring. After discussion in regard to Synodical appropriations - when to accept or adopt - Mrs. Deifenderfer, Mrs. McKrea, Miss Hornish and Miss Patterson,

speaking on these points, the decision as to time was left to the Woman's Board. (Is that not right?) To the question "What is the relation of a Presbyterial Society to the Woman's Board when there is no Synodical organization,"the reply was given - the same as synodical, until Synodical is organized.

The subject of Mrs. Deifenderfer's motion of yesterday in regard to number of Vive Presidents for each Synod coming up, it was voted to leave the revision of the list in the hands of a committee to be appointed by the Chairman of the meeting. Mrs. Robinson named Mrs. Deifenderfer, Mrs. Mc Crea and Mrs. Yeisley on that committee, who are to confer with Synods.

In memory of our late beloved secretary, Mrs. Emmeline G. Pierson, it was voted the new building of Albuquerque be named Pierson Hall.

As the next annual meeting of the Woman's Board will be its 25th, it was voted that a silver offering of 50 cents per member be raised to commemorate this anniversary; this offering to be applied to the Building of a boys school at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mrs. Allen of Utah was asked to speak of conditions in Utah. Introduced as Mrs. Ferry's daughter, she said feelingly "it is a great responsibility to be my mother's daughter". She spoke most forcibly of the menace and peril to our government , and institutions of the Mormon power, of the supreme allegiance of all Mormons to their hierarchy, of the urgent need and importance of prompt action to prevent the seating in our Congress of an

Apostle of that church. A strong resolution on this question was adopted by the meeting.

Mrs. McCrea, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions reported; the resolutions were adopted by the society, when the meeting adjourned.

Alice C. Patterson,

Rec. Sec'y pro tem.

1904.
SYNODICAL CONFERENCE.
Buffalo, N. Y.
May 23rd.

Mrs. Cooper of Michigan presided, Miss Ludlum of New York led in prayer. Questions for discussion were asked for. Mrs. James after presenting the importance of stimulating their work among the children, made the motion that we recommend to Synodical and Presbyterial Societies the appointment of a secretary for Bands and Jr. C. E. Societies. After discussion, this motion was lost. Mrs. Honeyman then offered the motion to recommend the appointment of a secretary of Children's Bands, when this was not feasible to recommend to the secretary for Young People that she stimulate the organization of Bands. This was recorded and carried.

The question of method of election of Vice Presidents of the Woman's Boards was brought up. Mrs. Finks stated the existing plan, the matter is now in the hands of a committee to report to-morrow.

Mrs. Palmer spoke of the importance of securing the co-operation of pastors, a message to be sent down from the Woman's Board was suggested. No action taken.

The question of including in our work or adding to it other branches of philanthropic or charitable work was discussed and it was not thought wise or practicable; the action of the St. Louis meeting in regard to including Temperance work was reaffirmed.

After a chain of prayer in which many took part, the meeting adjourned.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS convened in Daguerre Memorial Building, Winona Lake, Indiana, Friday morning, May 19, 1905, at 9.30 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. F. Kendall, the Scriptures being read by Mrs. F. F. McCrea, Synodical President of Indiana.

Promptly at ten o'clock the formal meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Darwin R. James. After singing, the Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. H. G. Campbell of Oregon, who represented the North Pacific Board. This was followed by prayer by Mrs. E. N. Barrett, President of the Iowa Synodical Society.

Dr. George F. McAfee, Superintendent of School Work, then presented the Work on the Field. At the close of his remarks, Rev. R. M. Craig was introduced as the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and responded briefly.

Mrs. V. P. Boggs, Secretary of the Freedmen's Department, presented the work of that Department; and Miss S. F. Lincoln gave the report of the Treasury. The total receipts for the year have reached the grand total of $475,042.79, the largest amount ever received in a single year.

It had been decided that the offering of the morning should be given for the new building at Wolf Point, Montana, and Mrs. C. D. King, the Principal of the school, told the story of

the inception of the work there and presented forcibly the need of the building. The offering was then taken, after which "God Bless Our Native Land" was sung.

The next item was the presentation of the Annual Report of the Woman's Board by the Secretary, Mrs. Ella A. Boole.

We were now ready to hear "Voices from the Field." Dr. H. Richmond Marsh, who had been the missionary at Point Barrow, Alaska, and later at Hoonah, spoke for Alaska; Mrs. W. E. Carr, Principal of the High School at Danville, Va., spoke for the Freedmen; Rev. Herbert S. Harris, pastor at Sancti Spiritue, Cuba, spoke for Cuba.

Mrs. James then appointed the Committee on Nominations, Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer, chairman, Mrs. Mary A. Ladue, Mrs. J. F. Black, Mrs. J. F. Barbour, Mrs. A. G. Beebe, Mrs. W. A. Irwin, and Miss Elizabeth M. Wishard: then Committee on Resolutions, Mrs. A. H. Vedder, as chairman, Miss Nettie G. Bradley, Mrs. D. M. Cooper, Mrs. J. H. Flanagan, Mrs. S. E. Wishard, and Miss Mary E. Holmes; and a new committee, to be known as the Committee on Methods of Advance, with Mrs. Charles W. Robinson as chairman, Mrs. Flora D. Palmer, Mrs. J. H. D. Mitchell, Miss J. P. Williams, Mrs. Laura A. Blaine, and Miss S. F. Lincoln.

After announcements by Mrs. M. P. G. Clarke, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and prayer by Mrs. J. H. Flanagan, of West Virginia, the meeting adjourned.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Revive Thy Work, O Lord," after which prayer was offered by Mrs. Charles W. Robinson of Illinois.

We were led in the Responsive Reading - which had been prepared by Mrs. C. B. Walker - by Mrs. D. M. Cooper of Michigan. This was followed by the Annual Address of the President, Mrs. Darwin R. James. The need for Home Mission work and the responsibility resting upon the women of the Church, as well as their great opportunity for helping, was ably presented.

In the absence of Mrs. John Sinclair, Miss Lincoln presented the report of the anniversary fund, and at its close stated that the following Synodical Societies had each contributed $100 toward furnishing a room in the "Mary E. James' School for Mexican Boys" in honor of their synodical presidents. California, Mrs. Rose B. Goddard; Illinois, Mrs. Charles W. Robinson; Indiana, Mrs. F. F. McCrea, and Mrs. E. B. Thomson, former Synodical Secretary; Iowa, Mrs. E. N. Barrett; Michigan, Mrs. D. M. Cooper; Minnesota, Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy; New Jersey, Mrs. W. E. Moneyman; New York, Mrs. George C. Yeisley; Ohio, Mrs. N. T. Houston, and Miss Alice C. Patterson, Synodical Secretary for twenty-three years; Pennsylvania, Mrs. C. L. Bailey; Wisconsin, Mrs. A. H. Vedder. Indian conferred the same honor on their ex-president, Mrs. J. F. Kendall. Baltimore Synod telegraphed

that funds would come for two rooms, one of which would be in honor of its president, Mrs. Kelly.

The plea for the Summer Offering was presented by Mr. Craig, who h d made a recent visit to Tucson, and who could tell, better than any one else, how great the need for the new building, and of the good work that is being done there.

After singing "Lead on, O King Eternal," the work of the Young People's Department was presented by Miss M. Josephine Petrie, Secretary for that Department. The change in young people's societies is making changes in the work of this department, but all report a gain.

The afternoon offering was also for the new building at Wolf Point, Montana.

The claims of the Home Mission Monthly and the help that such a magazine brings to the workers was presented by Mrs. D. E. Finks, the Editor, who has been able to report a gain in the subscription list every year since the magazine was started in 1886.

Miss Leila B. Allen, the new Editor of Over Sea and Land, enthusiastically presented the claims of the little magazine, and urged its loyal support upon all the workers.

Again we were interestingly enthused by "Voices from the Field." Miss J. L. Sturges, who was to present the work among

foreign-speaking people, being unable to be present, her paper was read by Mrs. A. G. Beebe, President of the Chicago Presbyterial Society. Miss Leva T. Granger plead for New Mexico; Mrs. C. R. Donnelly told of the work of the smaller schools among the mountains; Miss Edith Hughes presented the latest facts in regard to Mormonism; Rev. S. V. Fait, for sixteen years Superintendent of the Mary Gregory Memorial School at Anadarko, Okla. Ter., presented the claims of the Indian work. After singing, the meeting adjourned, with prayer and benediction by Rev. S. G. Dickey, D. D.

A prayer meeting was held each morning of the Annual meeting. The leaders were: Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. D. M. Cooper, Mrs. D. B. Wells of the Board of the Northwest, Miss S. F. Lincoln, Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Mrs. A. A. Pfanstiehl and Mrs. Hatch. These were times of spiritual refreshing.

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On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in the Chapel of The Inn, at 3 P. M., a reception was tendered to the missionaries of the Woman's Board, Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., presiding. After prayer Dr. Thompson then introduced the following workers: Rvs. D. E. Evans, Rev. G. S. Baskervill, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Jones, Mrs. C. D. King, Miss Edith Hughes, Miss Ina McBurney, Mrs. C. R. and Miss Mae Donnelly, Miss Ollie Henricks, Miss M. J. Cort, Miss E. W.

Smith, Miss Leva T. Granger, Rev. Manuel Madrid, Rev. R. M. Craig, Rev. Charles H. Cook, D. D., Rev. S. E. Wishard, D. D., Rev. Thomas C. Moffett, Judge Peckinbaugh, Mrs. Darwin R. James, and Rev. John Dixon, D. D., each of whom spoke for a few minutes concerning his or her field. At the close of this formal presentation, the missionaries received those who were present, and there was a general handshaking, all of which was greatly enjoyed.

The popular meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, on Sunday afternoon, May 21, 1905, at 3 P. M., was held in the Auditorium. At this meeting Dr. Charles L. Thompson presided. The opening prayer was made by Rev. John F. Hendy, D. D., Chairman of the Home Mission Committee; and short addresses were given by the following:- Rev. L. F. Jones on Alaska; Rev. S. V. Fait and Rev. D. E. Evans on the Indians; Rev. R. M. Craig on the Mexicans; Rev. L. B. Bascom represented the Freedmen; Rev. S. E. Wishard, D. D., the Mormons; Rev. J. Milton Greene spoke for Cuba and Porto Rico. Inasmuch as a meeting under the auspices of the Board of Aid for Colleges was to follow at four o'clock, the meeting was not formally adjourned but merged into the other meeting.

SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

Parlors of The Inn,

Winona Lake, Indiana,
Monday, May 22, 1905.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer having been made chairman, prayer was offered by Mrs. James.

Are Sunday School Secretaries advisable?

After discussion, it was learned that some synodical societies push the work of Sunday schools through presidents, some through secretaries, some through young people's societies; and the value of special objects for Sunday schools was considered.

Moved that the presidents of auxiliary societies attend to securing the presentation of Home Mission work in the Sunday schools on the days appointed by General Assembly, and wherever possible arrange to secure an offering. Carried.

Who shall pass down the recommendation?

Moved that the presbyterial presidents or some one whom she shall appoint shall be responsible for presenting this matter to auxiliary societies, and that a sample copy of the program, with the foregoing resolution, be sent to each presbyterial president.

What about prepared programs?

That the matter of an equal representation of Home and Foreign work in the programs of societies be presented at the

Synodical Executive meeting, with a view to having the whole subject presented at the next succeeding presbyterial meetings.

Division of funds for Freedmen was then discussed, but no conclusion reached.

In regard to contingent funds:- It was decided that no rule could be made applicable to all societies.

How much advantage would be gained if synodical apportionments could be given out in February. Discussed freely, but found impossible to give out all objects.

Moved that synodical objects be sent to synodical societies in February, if asked for. Carried.

Ella A. Boole,
Secretary Pro-Tem.

Winona Lake, Indiana,

Chapel of The Inn,
Tuesday, May 23, 1905, 2 P. M.

On Tuesday afternoon the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Darwin R. James, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. N. T. Houston, Synodical President, and Miss Alice C. Patterson, Synodical Secretary of Ohio. Mrs. W. E. Allen, President of Wheeling Presbyterial Society, was made Secretary.

The first item of business was the report of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Henry H. Forsyth, President of the Board of the Northwest, was called to the chair, and Mrs. D. F. Diefender, chairman of the committee, gave the report, speaking appropriatively of the characteristic ability of each of the officers of the Board - Mrs. Darwin R. James, President; Mrs. Elia Alexander Beele, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. M. J. Gildersleeve, Assistant Secretary; Miss M. Josephine Petrie, Young People's Secretary; Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Editor; Mrs. Augustine Sackett, Recording Secretary; Miss S. F. Lincoln, Treasurer, and Mrs. V. P. Boggs, Secretary of the Freedmen's Department. The following Vice-Presidents were elected from the different Synods:- Miss Jennie Hughes and Mrs. C. M. Young, Atlantic; Mrs. J. T. Kelly and Mrs. T. S. Hamlin, Baltimore; Mrs. R. B. Goddard, and Mrs. Samuel Minor, California; Mrs. G. Campbell and Mrs. W. E. Carr, Catawba; Miss E. H. Glassey and Mrs. R. F. Coyle, Colorado; Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Miss Julia H. Johnston and Mrs. C. B. Farwell, Illinois; Mrs. F. F. McCrea and

Mrs. H. Campbell, Indiana; Mrs. H. W. Rule and Mrs. C. R. Hume, Indian Territory; Mrs. E. N. Barrett and Miss M. Hornish, Iowa; Mrs. E. D. Hoag and Mrs. M. B. Cleland, Kansas; Mrs. James T. Lapsley and Miss Sue B. Scott, Kentucky; Mrs. B. M. Cooper and Mrs. J. M. Barkley, Michigan; Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy and Mrs. D. R. Noyes, Minnesota; Mrs. S. L. McAfee and Miss Kate Watkins, Missouri; Mrs. J. B. Butter and Mrs. H. R. Whitehill, Montana; Mrs. George Tilden and Mrs. W. C. Hoyt, Nebraska; Mrs. W. E. Honeyman and Mrs. F. S. Bennett, New Jersey; Mrs. G. C. Yeisley, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. E. N. Crosby and Mrs. W. J. Milne, New York; Mrs. A. C. Brown and Mrs. Archibald Goodall, North Dakota; Mrs. N. T. Houston, Miss Alice C. Patterson, Mrs. J. J. Francis and Mrs. E. R. Perkins, Ohio; Mrs. W. S. Ladd and Mrs. C. H. Barton, Oregon; Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Mrs. George Mercross, Mrs. W. B. Holmes, Mrs. S. B. Harbison and Mrs. Charles Hodge, Pennsylvania; Miss Anna E. McCauley and Mrs. L. H. Neff, South Dakota; Mrs. T. J. Peed and Mrs. M. Montague, Tennessee; Mrs. H. S. Little and Mrs. L. H. Morey, Texas; Mrs. R. G. McNiece and Mrs. W. H. Perry, Utah; Mrs. A. L. Hutchinson and Mrs. J. P. Hartman, Washington; Mrs. J. H. Flanagan and Mrs. T. H. Anderson, West Virginia, and Mrs. A. H. Vedder, Wisconsin. At Large:- Mrs. C. E. Walker, California; Mrs. J. F. Kendall, Indiana; Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson, Indian Territory; Mrs. M. E. Boyd, New York, and Mrs. J. F. Pingry, New Jersey.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast the ballot of the meeting for the names presented by the Nominating Committee. This was done by the Secretary, and the women named were declared elected.

Mrs. James then resumed the chair, calling for the synodical report, which was presented by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Boole.

After this came the roll call of synodical societies, and the synodical delegates, in three minutes, told how their advance had been made; what methods had been used; and in the few instances where a loss had been reported, what was the contributing cause.

While this meeting is not one to appeal to the masses, it is helpful to synodical workers, as from it they gain idea that help them in their home work.

Miss Lincoln then announced that the Indiana ladies had contributed another $100, that a room might be furnished in the "Mary E. James' School" in honor of Mrs. J. F. Kendall, former Synodical President of Indiana; and Miss Bradley announced that the Synod of Baltimore would probably furnish two rooms.

After singing a hymn, the meeting adjourned promptly at four o'clock, that the ladies might attend a reception given in their honor at the Winona hotel.

The following synodical societies were represented in the conferences:- Baltimore, California, Catawba, Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Chapel of The Inn,

Wednesday, May 24, 1905,
2 P. M.

Mrs. Rose B. Goddard, Synodical President of California, called the meeting to order, after which the devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Mary E. Holmes, Freedmen's Secretary of the Northwest.

Several of the reports from synodical societies had been deferred until this meeting, and after the list was concluded, Miss S. B. Sutherland of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was introduced and spoke briefly of her work there.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer then presnted the Home Mission work from the Standpoint of a Field Worker, and Mrs. F. F. McCrea from the Standpoint of the Visitor to the Field. She had recently visited Tucson, Arizona, and was enthusiastic in her commendation of all she saw and heard there.

The Committee on Resolutions, through its chairman, Mrs. A. H. Vedder, reported as follows:-

WHEREAS the Woman's Board of Home Missions exists for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God and upholding righteousness as the foundation of our national life and as essential to the security of the same;

AND, WHEREAS, the Mormon church both teaches and practices customs that are ruinous to the purity of the home and of society, and is enforcing the same upon the people as having divine sanction; and whereas, this people is under the power of a priesthood which claims that their government is established by divine authority, and that "all the governments are illegal and unatherized," and as Apostle Reed Smoot supports these teachings, and is a member of the hiearchy that sustains the priesthood in their treasonable purpose of controlling our government; therefore be it

RESOLVED,1. That we earnestly beg our Senators to remove Senator Smoot from the position which he holds as a law maker for this nation, and that we urge the Senate to provide such a Constitutional amendment as shall forever prohibit polygamy and polygamous cohabitation in the States and Territories of the Union, supporting the same by such penal sanctions as shall forever disqualify the guilty from holding office.

AND, WHEREAS, one of the questions prominently before the public is the so-called "race problem," for the solution of which various plans are proposed, therefore be it

RESOLVED, II. That, as we believe a practical Christian education of the negro is the only solution of this perplexing problem, we, as women of the Church, must continue this method - increasing our efforts until in some degree commensurate with the work to be done.

RESOLVED, III. That, alarmed by the great influx of foreigners, and realizing the necessity of their being Christianized, we recommend to synodical societies the advisability of assuming work among the foreign-speaking peoples in their bounds, taking for such work extra contributions beyond their pledged work.

RESOLVED, IV. In view of the alarming desecration of the Sabbath, that we call upon Presbyterian women to use their voice and influence against the Sunday newspaper, Sunday public games of every sort, Sunday travel, the open Sunday shops, saloons and places of amusement, and to discountenance the social functions that are so largely on the increase in our cities, earnestly seeking to inculcate in the home and in public the observance of the command to "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

RESOLVED, V. That we cannot speak too highly of our magazine, the HOME MISSION MONTHLY, and that we urge SECRETARIES

OF LITERATURE to strenuous effort to increase its subscription list. Also, we earnestly urge the responsibility of mothers in interesting their little children in missions, familiarizing them with the work and the workers, and to this end, we beg that OVER SEA AND LAND may be found in every household.

RESOLVED, VI. That we again recommend to all synodical and presbyterial officers that they especially urge upon their local treasurers the necessity of equal quarterly payments, that, so far as possible, funds be forwarded in [illegible].

RESOLVED, VII. That to our officers at headquarters we offer sincere thanks for the faithful service of another year and assure them of continued sympathy and much more prayer. Also that we extend hearty thanks to the Winona Association for their hospitality, for the complete arrangements for our entertainment at "The Inn," and for the delightful reception at the Hotel.

These resolutions, after careful consideration, were adopted.

Then the Committee on Methods of Advance reported, through their chairman, Mrs. Charles W. Robinson, the following:-

In view of the magnitude of the educational and evangelistic work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and the increasing needs consequent upon its development, coupled with the growing importance of creating higher and purer standards of life among

the people for whom this work exists, this committee would recommend that the Board declare itself for such a Forward Movement as will enable it to conserve the development already attained and provide for future growth along both educational and evangelistic lines. To enable the Board to do this, we would renew former recommendations for increased activity within the now existing missionary organizations of the church, increasing effort to organize a society in every church where one does not now exist, and prayerful pursuit of the still uninterested women of the churches, in order that all - women, young people and children - shall be allied with this Forward Movement in earnest endeavor. We would recommend that this Forward step be indicated by a definite aim and a definite amount of money, and that $600,000 be the aim for the coming year, an advance of $125,000 over the year just closed.

We recommend that $50,000 of this be for building and repairs, a long repressed need on every section of the field, and $75,000 be designated for the development of the work, to enable the Woman's Board to care for its own evangelistic work and do more among foreigners.

We recommend that this advance be apportioned to synodical societies by the Woman's Board, and that all offerings taken when speakers visit the societies be credited on the apportionments of that synod for Building and Repair Fund of the Forward Movement,

these offerings to be transmitted through the regular channels.

With fullest confidence in all of our organizations as now constituted, and faith in the possibilities for power that yet lie dormant in the women and young people of our churches, we recommend that this Forward Movement be conducted through the channels of synodical, presbyterial and local officers, under the leadership of the Woman's Board.

To aid in bringing this plan for advance to its highest fulfillment, we recommend that the field be divided into three or more districts, and that a District or Field Secretary be appointed for each district, with a definite center of operation - the division of the territory, the central points and duties of these secretaries to be defined by the Woman's Board.

We recommend definite apportionment for definite work by all synodical or presbyterial societies to the local societies, after the work has been received from the Woman's Board by the Synodical Executive Committee from year to year.

We recommend that all presbyterial and local societies and individual women in the churches (whether members of societies or not) be encouraged to assume the support of a station, teacher or scholarship, definite and increased work for definite objects through definite plans being the keynote of the Movement.

We recommend that the presbyterial and local officers, by conference or correspondence, seek the co-operation of pastors and elders in strengthening the already existing societies and in organizing where none exists; also that their aid be solicited in bringing the claims of Home Missions before their young people and Sabbath schools, urging the use of programs prepared by the Woman's Board to help in securing the Sabbath school Thanksgiving offering annually recommended by General Assembly.

We recommend that synodical and presbyterial committees urge upon local societies the importance of making provision for meeting pledges and apportionments before undertaking box work and that they make it a rule in no case to take money from the treasury of the society to purchase materials for or pay freight upon boxes.

To secure the realization of advance contributions, information must ever be the basis of our hopes; therefore, we recommend that in order to spread this information a definite advance in the number of subscriptions to the HOME MISSION MONTHLY be suggested for each presbytery, based upon the number already taken there, and that each Presbyterial Secretary of Literature be asked to suggest a certain number to each local society, based upon the church membership.

In order that all possible help and stimulus may be received from the presence of missionaries in attendance upon the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board, we recommend that the sessions

open on Thursday morning, continue through Friday and on Saturday morning, and close with the Synodical Conference Tuesday afternoon.

These recommendations were very carefully considered and finally adopted without a dissenting vote.

Then came the discussion of Home Mission problems.

What shall be done for teachers who have become disabled in the service? This subject was presented by Mrs. Cooper.

After much discussion, "It was moved and seconded that the Board ask or recommend to societies that they each contribute one dollar to form a permanent fund for disabled teachers, expecting, of course, that it be added to by individual gifts and extras, and that the interest of that fund be used for emergency cases.

Would it be possible to arrange presbyterial meetings on consecutive dates? This subject was presented by Mrs. E. N. Barrett.

After much discussion, It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to synodical presidents that they take this matter under consideration and arrange for their presbyterial meetings to be held on consecutive dates, so far as possible.

What shall be the representation at the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions? This subject was presented by Mrs. Charles W. Robinson.

After much discussion, It was moved and seconded that while the regular representation continue to be synodical, for the reason that we meet with General Assembly, a most hearty welcome be given to all presbyterial and local officers and members who can attend the meetings, and that their synodical officers encourage them to come.

Mrs. James recommended that all Presbyterian women be cordially invited to meet with us and share with us in the topics to be discussed.

Mrs. James then read a letter from Mrs. S. P. Harbison of Allegheny, Penna., expressing her appreciation of the telegram of sympathy sent her.

Twenty-one synodical societies were represented in the meetings.

After prayer, the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. W. E. Allen,
Secretary.

[illegible], May 22, 1906,

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Iowa. Mrs. Coleman reported all organizations ahead, and

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presbytery.

Ohio shows fine work in each presbytery and good gains in receipts.

Pennsylvania increases in every department, except Freedmen. They lead in gifts to Relief Fund for Teachers; do a large work among foreign-speaking people; special work for young people in some presbyteries, having a Young People's Branch, with its own officers and special work.

South Dakota. Mrs. Anderson reported a splendid work

work of mission society. 40% increase.

Tennessee. Mrs. Newell made reference to the union of our Northern Church with the Cumberland, and what it would mean to missionary societies in the way of strength and enlargement.

Texas reported that it was Home Mission ground.

Utah. Mrs. Stevenson spoke of the organization of Utah; the opposition encountered because of Mormonism. One presbytery showed 100% advance.

Washington and Oregon. Miss Fraser told of their difficulties. Nez Perce Indian women traveled four days, at a cost of twelve dollars each, to attend synodical meeting. They show handsome gain.

Wisconsin reported nine new organizations, and paid a fine tribute to the work of Mrs. Palmer.

Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday afternoon, May 21, 1907. Mrs. Robinson of Illinois presiding. After a few words of greeting, the roll call of the Synods was called.

Mrs. Richards reported for Baltimore the distances to be traveled, telling of one hundred miles by railroad and boat to reach a presbyterial meeting; she spoke of progress in line of spiritual and educational life. One society every member takes the Home Mission Monthly.

California. Miss Lincoln said a gain in amount of gifts from nearly every presbyterial society in this their year of disaster told of unparalleled courage and devotion.

Illinois. Mrs. Robinson. Nothing new, just steady work. The tour of Mrs. Diefenderfer was very helpful.

Indiana. Mrs. Campbell especially felt the helpfulness of visitation by Synodical officers and the tour of Mr. Preece.

Iowa. Mrs. King spoke of steady growth in interest.

Kentucky. Mrs. Mitchell said two new presbyteries had been formed.

Michigan. Mrs. Cooper explained there was no advance in gifts, because last year an especial gift of $4,000 had put the standard too high; regular gifts had been about the same. She especially recommended the visitation of societies by speakers who could tell from actual observation of the work.

Minnesota. Mrs. Cairns said zeal had not abated and that the work was growing.

Missouri. Mrs. Perry said there was not much new to report. Streams of young people going out every year from Park College to haave their share in the work of the world. With the report for next year there will surely be changes, as many new societies will come in from the Cumberland Branch.

Nebraska. Word is advance, inspiration received from speakers of great help.

Ohio. Miss Patterson spoke with gratitude of gain in organization and number of magazines taken, and urged visitation of speakers.

Oregon and Washington. Mrs. Bernard of Portland told of five Indian societies, and the desire among officers to put a copy of Over Sea and Land in the hand of every child.

Mrs. Clokey of Pennsylvania, C. E. Secretary, spoke of advance of $6,000 in gifts and steady work all along the line.

South Dakota. The work of the Indian women and their interest in missions, willing to take a whole day, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., to piece quilts and hear of mission work. Their gifts average five dollars apiece. The boys and girls of Good Will gave $60.00.

Tennessee. Mrs. Lewellyn said Miss Hughes and Miss Petrie had been wonderfully helpful in their visits. She spoke, too, of [illegible] of individual members, and the increase of information.

Texas. Mrs. Little spoke of the great distances which make it impossible to have large attendance at their annual meetings. No synodical organization last year because of union of two branches. Will start new this coming year.

Utah. Mrs. Martin told of the great difficulties just now, but courage still greater.

Mrs. Stevenson added a stirring appeal, saying there is no cause for discouragement because in Utah last year there was one convert to every ten members, while in Pittsburgh there was only one convert to every fifteen church members.

Mrs. Stevenson also gave a stirring talk on the attitude of the politicians upon the "seating of Senator Smoot." She called attention to the fact that there is no advanced work by Christian schools in Utah; not a single Christian College in Utah.

West Virginia. One of the new synods but has laid aside infant clothes and is now ready for work. Grafton Presbyterial Society has twenty churches, eight of them self-supporting. Many Hungarians and Slavs. They need kindergartens and schools.

Report of the Nominating Committee was brought in by Mrs. Clokey, chairman. She spoke in glowing terms of the officers of

the Board, and presented their names for re-election.

Mrs. W. J. Darby was elected Vice-President at Large. Miss Edith Hughes, Mrs. Flora D. Palmer and Miss Julia Fraser were elected Field Secretaries.

Mrs. F. F. McCrea,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

It is with feelings of profound gratitude to God that we, the women of the American Presbyterian Church, have been privileged to enjoy the twenty-eighth Annual Assembly of the "Woman's Board of Home Missions," meeting in Columbus, Ohio, May 15th and 17th, 1907.

Though we have missed the inspiration [illegible] imparted to us by the dignified leadership of our beloved National President, Mrs. Darwin R. James, we have been assisted by the gracious presence of other members of the Board who have given both dignity and interest to our gatherings; therefore be it

Resolved, That in this expression of our regret that Mrs. James has been detained from our meeting because of her journey in foreign lands, we do appreciate the splendid leadership of the Vice-Presidents and efficiency of the members of the Board in carrying out of the splendid program which we have all enjoyed so much.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the work of our Field Secretaries and support them by our prayers: after a year of trial each has proven herself efficient and useful to the organization and furtherance of our work. Also to our missionaries from their several outposts of duty, bringing messages of inspiration and encouragement showing the faithful, self-denying love which characterizes all of our Home Mission work and workers.

Resolved, That as a united body of Christian women we stand for social purity, the Christian Sabbath, and all National reform measures with which we are permitted to be associated.

Resolved, That we consider the advisability of a limitation of time to ten minutes each in the reports of department secretaries, inasmuch as these reports are printed in full for circulation, giving more time at our meeting for our speakers, who come great distances to tell us their experiences on the field.

Resolved, That we, the women of the Presbyterian Church, express our regret that Senator Reed Smoot was permitted to retain his seat in the United States Senate, but that we believe the day will speedily come when God will suppress this evil in our land and show to our National leaders their part in the adjustment of this false system as a treasonable organization against our Government.

Resolved, That we express our deep appreciation to the Men's Board for their timely financial aid which enables us to close our year's work without a deficit.

Resolved, That we urge upon our societies the great necessity for prayerful consideration of the finances of the Board; that we urge systematic and proportionate giving; and also that we make a most determined effort to enlist that vast number of Presbyterian women in this cause who as yet have not heeded the call "Come over and help us."

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the great work being done by our magazines - "Home Mission Monthly" and "Over Sea and Land;" that we make practical this appreciation by greater efforts than ever before to increase the subscriptions to these

publications, because "Knowledge is power," and also because an added support to "Home Mission Monthly" means added financial support for the great cause of Home Missions.

[illegible], That we congratulate these societies and young people's organizations who have had mission study classes during the past year. Also we suggest that Synodical and Presbyterial officers urge the helpfulness and benefit to be derived from such classes and use to it that more new classes be organized.

[illegible], That we express our thanks to the local committee, the ladies of Central Presbyterian Church, the choir, the ushers, and all who contributed to the comfort, pleasure and success of this meeting.

[illegible], That we, the members of the Young's [illegible] Missionary Societies of the Young's Branch, pledge ourselves to greater consecration of ourselves than ever before - to withhold neither time, or self, or money, or talents, but to give all for the Master who has done so much for us, and whom we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. [illegible],
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Mrs. [illegible].

An informal conference was held in the parlors of The Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, Monday, May 20, 1907, at which Mrs. Robinson, of Illinois, president, and Mrs. McIvor, of Indiana, was made secretary.

Mrs. Beebe presented the recommendation in regard to box work that had been referred to the Annual Meeting by the Advisory Committee in New York.

"The Women's Board of Home Missions recommend that no second hand clothing be sent to any teacher or missionary unless such clothing is specially requested through the Box Department of the Board.

"2nd. The Board also recommends that no space be given on Annual Presbyterial Report blanks, prepared by the Board, for box valuations, and further that no reports be made of same in Presbyterial or Synodical meetings - such valuations being kept simply as a matter of record and reference in the auxiliary society and the Box Department of the Board."

"Motion carried that this report be accepted. Voted that the resolutions be considered separately.

"After discussion the first recommendation was adopted. Later the second resolution was also adopted.

"Motion carried that this report of committee be sent to the Annual Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, to be acted upon there, and with the whole report of the Annual Meeting be published in the Home Mission Monthly, and also included in the annual letter sent out in the fall by the Corresponding Secretary to Presbyterial Societies."

After careful consideration the resolution, with its recommendations, was adopted.

The matter of offerings at meetings addressed by speakers was then carefully considered. At the meeting in Winona Lake, in 1905, it had been decided that all offerings taken at meetings addressed by the Field Secretaries and missionaries could be credited to the Building and Repair Fund apportioned to that synodical or presbyterial society. After two years' faithful trial, it is recommended by the office that such offering be now credited to the General Fund, unless special request is made for a special object. This was carefully considered from every standpoint, and inasmuch as all traveling expenses and salaries for speakers are taken from the General Fund, it was voted that the recommendation be adopted and notice to this effect be sent to all synodical presidents. It was further decided that the offering be taken at meetings may be credited toward the 15% advance which is to be asked for the General Fund.

That young women's societies be counted the same as women's societies in the allotment of vice-presidents from synodical societies.

That an additional Vice-President at Large be elected, making six in all. It is recommended to the Nominating Committee that Mrs. W. J. Darby, the President of the former Cumberland Women's Board, be elected this additional vice-president, and that she be listed first in the number of vice presidents.

A conference was held on Monday afternoon, May 20th, with Mr. and Mrs. Bierkemper, of Ganado, Arizona. The whole situation of the work there was carefully considered, and Mr. Bierkemper presented his objection to transferring the children from Ganado to Jewett, New Mexico, claiming that it would be utterly impossible, on account of the long distances and the fact that the river is unfordable during a large portion of the year. He made a very earnest plea that a nurse be stationed at Ganado, and also a school established.

After hymn and prayer, the 23rd Psalm was used as the Scripture lesson. Faithfulness was the lesson thought and faithfulness in personal work was especially emphasized - faithfulness in our "Jerusalem" as well as in our "Samaria". Prayers for faithfulness were led by Mrs. Beebe and others. Mrs. [illegible] made special prayer for Mrs. [illegible], whose illness prevented her attendance on this meeting.

Home Mission Study Classes were discussed by Miss [illegible], Fraser, California. The object of such classes is [illegible] increase knowledge; second to interest [illegible] women. The classes last eight weeks, and are not channels for receiving gifts. Two ways of study were suggested, lecture methods in connection with prayer meetings, etc., but for the regularly weekly meeting it is better to study missions with an assigned lesson. The results are found to be spiritual and intellectual development, a deepened sense of personal responsibility and a desire to do something. "The Challenge of the City, "Incoming Millions," and "Aliens or Americans" were recommended as good studies. "The Call of the Waters," a new story of the frontier will be taught at the Summer Conferences.

2 P. M.

Mrs. M. V. Richards, Baltimore, called the meeting to order, and presided during the afternoon.

Mrs. I. D. Steele, Alabama, conducted the devotional hour. Her remarks were based on three words found in [illegible] - "willing to Communicate." "What a beautiful world it would be," said she, "if all could earnestly say, 'May every soul that touches mine, be it the slightest contact, get some gleam of light to make this life worth while, and heaven a surer heritage.'"

Miss Petrie spoek of "Method, Old and New." The many organization of the Church simply attempt to meet all demands. The effort is to interest everybody. Each synod should have a special object. How to get the boys and keep them is a problem to be solved individually. Cradle Roll Tens will support Kindergartens among foreign-speaking people.

A Young People's Hour at presbyterial and synodical meetings is helpful.

Westminister Guilds meet the demand of the young ladies, and on this subject Mrs. A. C. Tyler, Illinois, said, "Life's is the ability to adjust one's (see) to circumstances." The Westminister Guild originated in the Board of the Northwest. It was defined, and its work completely outlined, closing with the injunction to "Look after our day and generation.

Many perplexing problems were solved, as Mrs. Charles W. Robinson, Illinois, lead the women to tell of individual difficulties.

Denver, Colo.,
Tuesday afternoon,
May 25, 1909.

Meeting was opened at two o'clock, Mrs. Goddard, California, presiding. Devotional hour conducted by Mrs. Fannie H. James, Alabama, prayer offered by Mrs. M. V. Richards, Washington, D. C.

Home Mission Study Class Conference opened by Mrs. F. F. McCrea, Indiana, followed by Mrs. Brainerd, Illinois, Miss Fraser, Mrs. Raymond and others.

Mrs. Diefenderfer, Chairman, reported on nominations. Her report was accepted as read.

Mrs. Boole, on behalf of the Board in New York, presented the names of Miss Fraser and Miss Hughes as Field Secretaries of the Northwest and Southwest. The suggestion was approved.

Mrs. McCrea, as chairman of Committee on Resolutions, presented the report, which was accepted as read.

Twenty-three States were represented by delegates and three minute reports were given.

After a short talk from Dr. Wishard, of Utah, he pronounced the Benediction.

Mrs. H. Campbell,
Secretary.

From report of Nominating Committee: "Before presenting the names now in the hands of your Nominating Committee, to this delegated body for election, we desire to recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions-

"When vacancies occur in your synodical representation, or for any reason a name is dropped from the list of Vice-Presidents, that the Synodical Secretary be elected to that vacancy."

INFORMAL CONFERENCE OF SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS,

Wednesday morning, May 26, 1909,
Hotel Shirley.

The Memorial from Pennsylvania Synodical in regard to the appointment of Temperance Secretaries was presented an carefully considered. Moved and seconded, that while we continue thoroughly in sympathy with the temperance work, we re-affirm the decision taken by the Woman's Board as outlined in the leaflet entitled "An Important Statement," namely, that we encourage missionaries to incorporate temperence work as a part of the whole Gospel in their work on the field, but do not recommend the appointment of temperance secretaries in auxiliary societies.

A petition having been received, asking the Woman's Board to approve the recommendation re-appointing of Miss Riel as Superintendent of Indian Schools, was referred to the New York Board.

Several kinds of memorials to Sheldon Jackson having been recommended, it was moved that the question of a memorial, with the recommendation of the various kinds, be referred to the Woman's Board in New York for decision, that decision to be sent out through synodical societies.

The Secretary then read the rules for the Westminster Guild as outlined at a conference between the Committee of the Board of the Northwest and the officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. These rules were approved.

A request that Home Mission literature for the Guild be distributed through the Committee from the Board of the Northwest was declined, as the ladies all felt the young women should be educated to receive their Home Mission literature from the headquarters of the Woman's Board.

It is possible that Miss Laura Frederickson, C/o. Telegraph Operator, McCook, Nebraska, can be secured for the Haines Hospital. Miss Little says she is a thoroughly consecrated woman, and with Mr. McLean in charge, thinks she would work under direction; she is neat and tidy; loves the Indians.

In the event that it is not advisable to send Miss Frederickson, it was suggested that a plea for a nurse be put in the Pacific Coast papers.

Mr. McLean said he had no word from Mr. Craig relative to the four inch pipe but had taken the responsibility for ordering it. He is anxious to receive the $300.00 for repairs, and the rest of the money that has been appropriated for water.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

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1885. - Saratoga,N.Y.
1886. - Minneapolis,Minn.
1887. - Omaha,Nebraska.
1888. - Philadelphia,Pa.
1889. - New York,N.Y.
1890. - Saratoga,N.Y.
1891. - Detroit,Michigan.
1892. - Portland,Oregon.
1893. - Washington,D.C.
1894. - Saratoga,New York.
1895. - Pittsburgh,Penna.
1896. - Saratoga,N.Y.
1897. - Winona,Indiana.
1898. - Winona,Indiana.
1899. - Minneapolis,Minn.
1900. - St Louis,Missouri.
1901. - Philadelphia,Penna.
1902. - New York,N.Y.
1903. - Los Angeles,Cali.
1904. - Buffalo,New York.
1905. - Winona,Indiana.
1906. - Des Moines,Iowa.
1907. - Columbus,Ohio.
1908. - Kansas City,Missouri.
1909. - Denver,Colorado.
1910. - Atlantic City,N.J.

QUESTIONS SUGGESTED BY SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMISSIONS, SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

ORGANIZATION

1. Should not stewardship classes have recognition in the Standards of Excellence, the same as mission study classes? Our secretary for stewardship is very anxious that this should be done and feels that it would be a great help in pushing stewardship study classes.

2. Restatement of Standards of Excellence.

3. Classes of membership in missionary societies defined; basis for active membership, for associate membership.

4. How should nominating committees be appointed for local, presbyterial and synodical meetings? When should they be appointed?

5. Should the local president call a meeting of all of her officers to prepare the blanks and should she o.k. them?

6. Should presbyterial presidents o.k. their blanks? When possible?

7. Should officers turn over any books, papers, reports, apportionments, to their successors? Why be so particular?

8. How can we secure a better method of having all local secretaries return blanks, properly filled out, and on time?

9. Necessity of departmental secretaries making out <u>four</u> copies of annual reports instead of three.

10. Why should blanks and letters of any kind be sent to presbyterial or local presidents and not sent through the synodical channel?

11. Is the synodical society of any value? If so, why not use it to the greatest advantage?

12. Few of the churches in some states feel that they can support two woman's societies. The question of combining regular aid work and missionary work is a problem.

13. Is it desirable to have a Board representative at mid-winter synodical executive committee meetings?

14. Is it advisable for the Boards of National and of Foreign Missions to alternate in sending first a Board secretary and then a missionary to each presbyterial meeting, a representative of each Board being present at each meeting?

15. What shall be the relationship of the synodical and presbyterial annual meetings to the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Ministerial Sustentation and Relief and outside agencies such as colleges, Near East Relief, etc.?

16. Shall these other denominational and undenominational agencies have free access to program meetings,-synodical, presbyterial and local? To executive meetings?

17. How shall the synodical, presbyterial and local officers guard against program usurpation in their meetings by Near East Relief, Synodical Colleges, civic enterprises, etc.?

18. Strengthening the program of synodical and presbyterial meetings?

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UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES

1. A thing that has troubled us is the woeful lack of knowledge of the ministry of the work of the women along missionary lines through all their organizations. So many young ministers tell us that they never hear in the seminaries of a synodical or presbyterial society and know nothing of women's Boards. We have suggested that it might be well to include a course of lectures in the seminaries upon the general lines of women's missionary organizations and fields.

2. Enlistment of the interest of men.

*3. Who should attend a summer conference? What are the benefits received? Does such a conference pay?

4. The cultivation of individuals--seeking out potential leadership.

5. General publicity for the general public.

6. Definite programs of home study and cultivation of <u>family</u> interest in missions.

7. Great valuation of the resources on our various mission fields.

8. Frequently placing before the women and young women of our churches who are not members of our societies or subscribers to our publications information regarding the machinery of our missionary organization. Even a majority of our members lack this information and are surprised and become often more interested when it is brought to their attention.

9. How can the women of the Church who are active in civic and philanthropic affairs be won to active participation in the women's missionary work?

10. Restatement of missionary enterprise in the light of present national and international conditions and relationships in order to enlist all the women of the Church, especially the forward-looking younger women.

11. How can the spiritual side of the organization be developed?

* Listed also under Young People's Work

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

* 1. Will it be an advantage in a large presbyterial society to have a treasurer for all young people's organizations, such as C.E., W.G., and Children's Work?

2. If a unified plan for specific object giving is to be worked out for all groups of children and young people including Sunday schools, upon what lines ought it to be developed? Do you find conflicts or complaints arising out of the present specific object plans for young people? How can they be eliminated?

3. In view of the reorganization and the urgent need of adequate work for boys and young men how shall the men of presbytery and of the local church be lead to take a more active part in young people's work? In what ways can the chairmen of Presbytery's committees on Missions cooperate with the presbyterial young people's secretary? Should a member of each of presbytery's Missions Committees be set aside for this special task?

4. How can we get better cooperation between presbytery and presbyterial society in young people's work. How can recognition of the work of the young people's secretary be gained in presbytery?

5. Just how should the "Young People's Presbyterial" function? It seems to be a rather new thing and there are little helps in the literature published as yet. Should they handle their own funds and reports? How much responsibility might these young people's organizations be expected to undertake for the whole young people's work and how much ought still to be carried by the presbytery and the presbyterial society?

6. What secretaries from national and district headquarters shall be in direct touch with the local groups, or shall approaches be through the presbyterial secretary? Shall the Missionary Education Department of the Board of Christian Education work through our presbyterial young people's secretaries? Shall the Department of Home and Church of the Board of Christian Education work through the presbyterial secretaries for the promotion of winter institutes and summer conferences?

7. What presbyterial secretaries shall approach the local groups of young people? Shall the secretary of literature secure subscriptions for their magazines, etc., and the secretary for missionary education urge and recommend study books, or shall all these secretaries work through the young

*Listed also under Finance

people's secretaries? Shall the presbyterial treasurer or the young people's secretary send the apportionments to local groups? Should the young people's secretaries assume more responsibility for the payment of money than they do in the majority of presbyteries?

8. Would it be expedient to strengthen the work of the synodical young people's secretaries by making them more responsible for the plans and the work of the presbyterial young people's secretaries? This would mean that headquarters would work through the synodical secretaries more than at present and might include the securing of reports, etc.

9. How can the woman's missionary societies be used to reach a larger number of women and young people in the church?

10. Is there any way to reach our young people through Presbyterian National C.E. leaders?

11. How can we meet the constantly recurring problem of the age limits in the Westminster Guild--women or chapters who will not graduate into the woman's auxiliaries?

12. How can we attract the young business women to definite work for missions? What secretary or secretaries shall make a and carry out plans for such groups of young women?

13. What plans ought we to lay for adequate field work among young people?

14. How can we work out a plan by which the young people in each presbytery will have during each year certain advantages such as summer conferences, winter institutes, rallies, gatherings with special speakers, local conferences of presbyterial young people's meeting? Can we or should be make an effort to reach our young people through the Sunday school associations and Christian Endeavor Unions?

*15. Who should attend a summer conference? What are the benefits received? Does such a conference pay?

16. Who shall plan the itineraries of the men missionaries supported by young people?

17. Can missionary education be put into Campfire, Blue Bird, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Wolf Club and similar organizations?

*Listed also under Undeveloped Resources

QUESTIONS SUGGESTED BY SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS FOR DISCUSSION
IN COMMISSIONS, SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

THE PRINTED PAGE

1. A new system for mission study reporting.

2. Suggestions for yearly presentation of magazine.

3. What kind of literature is needed:
   a. On monthly topics of study?
   b. Devotional?
   c. New types?

4. Do we need a missionary hymnal?

5. Is the present Board literature of the needed type and quantity?

6. What differentiation should be made by the Boards between free and priced leaflets?

7. How can the women cooperate with the whole church in promoting missionary education?

8. What is the relationship with missionary education in the Board of Christian Education?

9. How can the Printed Page be of larger service, winning and developing uninterested women?

10. What are the most effective methods of circulating the Printed Page?

11. How can the office of Secretary of Literature be magnified?

QUESTIONS SUGGESTED BY SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMISSIONS, SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

FINANCE

1. Per capita or precentage system for the Contingent Fund.

2. The relation of overseas and home sewing to the budget of the Board.
   a. Synodical
   b. Presbyterial
   c. Local

3. May we have more time in which to prepare totals for the next year's apportionments?

4. Who should allocate apportionments in synodical and presbyterial societies?

5. Sending down the apportionment by synodical officers in uniform terms.

6. Should the apportionments be given in a lump sum to each auxiliary and the division made by the presbyterial president, or should the division be made to each auxiliary at the beginning of the year?

7. Why is there a discrepancy in the Board's report and the synodical reports of the presbyterial gifts?

8. What is the relation of the Annual Report to the presbyterial treasurer's report?

9. Presbyterial treasurer's report blanks.

10. Dates for closing books.

11. Monthly or quarterly payments to headquarters.

12. How finance the work in the state--travel of synodical officers, etc.?

13. How secure proper adjustment in the giving of our women between our part of the work and that of the benevolence budget as a whole?

14. Relation of Emergency Fund to apportionments.

15. Relation of personal gifts to missionaries to the Budget.

16. Pledged work and its relation to the Budget.

17. How help our societies to understand the importance of 15% to General Fund?

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19. Special gifts for items not on approved Mission List. Their relation to the budget.

20. Cooperation with Specific Work Department by Synodical, Presbyterial and Auxiliary Societies in the use of uniform terms.

21. Annuities.

22. Life and Honorary Memberships.

23. The value of a Home and Foreign Treasurer for every presbyterial society.

24. Central Receiving Agency.

*25. Will it be an advantage in a large presbyterial society to have a treasurer for all young people's organizations, such as C.E., W.G., and Children's Work?

26. Policy in regard to single church budget including woman's society.

27. The relation of the Auxiliary to the Presbyterial pledged work.

28. Presbyterial Treasurers' receipt blanks--their value and form.

29. The relation of Young People to the General Fund.

30. The advantages of assigning missionaries Presbyterially and Synodically.

31. Young People's organizations and the Contingent Fund.

*Listed also under Young People's Work

QUESTIONS SUGGESTED BY SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMISSIONS, SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

RELATIONSHIPS

1. The place for the promotion of missionary education in the local church since the shifting of this work to the Board of Christian Education.

2. How give the men of the Church the benefit of the splendid missionary program of the woman's missionary society?

3. How are we to cooperate with presbytery and synod, relative to mission study classes? Stewardship? Young People?

4. How much time shall synodical and presbyterial annual or semi-annual meetings give to joint gatherings with synod and presbytery?

5. New relations of women to presbytery and synod occasioned by reorganization of Boards.

6. The relation of women's missionary organizations to other women's activities, such as civic associations, clubs, etc.

7. The women's missionary organizations and legislative matters.

8. Value of interdenominational relationships with
   a. Council of Women for Home Missions
   b. Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions

9. What forms of service are being rendered by missionary women interdenominationally?